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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CONGRESSMAN RONALD
MOTT OF OHIO:

2. QUOTE RE YOUR COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM REQUESTING
ASSISTANCE IN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MR. KAY,
A CONSTITUENT, IN BOTH CAIRO AND BEIRUT FOR PERIOD
JANUARY 21-25, YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT US EMBASSY
CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO BOOK HOTEL ROOMS FOR PRIVATE
AMERICANS WHO MAY WISH TO VISIT EGYPT. IN AN EFFORT
TO BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, WE HAVE CHECKED MAJOR HOTELS
AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ALL AVAILABLE ROOMS
ALREADY BOOKED PERIOD IN QUESTION. CAIRO HOTEL
SHORTAGE IS ACUTE AND OCTOBER-MARCH IS BUSIEST
SEASON. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED MONTHS IN ADVANCE.
WE ARE ENCOUNTERING GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING
RESERVATIONS FOR OFFICIAL USG VISITORS. SUGGEST
MR. KAY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS THROUGH A
REPUTABLE TRAVEL AGENCY. AS FAR AS RESERVATIONS IN
BEIRUT ARE CONCERNED, WE HAVE NO WAY OF DOING THIS
FROM CAIRO. YOU MAY WISH COMMUNICATE WITH
AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT TO ASCERTAIN HOTEL
SITUATION THERE. UNQUOTE.
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